



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 261**

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**AN ACT CONCERNING THE CONNECTICUT JOB CORPS TASK FORCE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective from passage*) (a) As used in this section:
- 2 (1) "Employee organization" shall have the same meaning as  
3 provided in section 5-270 of the general statutes; and
- 4 (2) "Labor organization" shall have the same meaning as provided in  
5 section 31-77 of the general statutes.
- 6 (b) There is established a State Jobs Corps Task Force to study the  
7 means by which the state may, under federal and state law, implement  
8 a program similar to the Works Progress Administration, created  
9 pursuant to the federal Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935,  
10 (49 Stat. 115) to use unemployed workers to construct public works  
11 projects in the state.
- 12 (c) The task force shall consist of the following members:
- 13 (1) Two appointed by the speaker of the House of Representatives,  
14 one of whom shall be a mayor or first selectman of a Connecticut  
15 municipality with a population greater than or equal to seventy-five  
16 thousand residents and one of whom shall represent a labor  
17 organization;

18       (2) Two appointed by the president pro tempore of the Senate, one  
19       of whom shall be a mayor or first selectman of a Connecticut  
20       municipality with a population greater than or equal to seventy-five  
21       thousand residents and one of whom shall represent a labor  
22       organization;

23       (3) Two appointed by the majority leader of the House of  
24       Representatives, one of whom shall represent an employee  
25       organization and one of whom shall represent a labor organization;

26       (4) Two appointed by the majority leader of the Senate, one of  
27       whom shall represent an employee organization and one of whom  
28       shall be an economist with knowledge of labor and workforce  
29       development;

30       (5) Two appointed by the minority leader of the House of  
31       Representatives who shall be a mayor or first selectman of a  
32       Connecticut municipality with a population less than or equal to  
33       seventy-five thousand residents but greater than twenty thousand  
34       residents;

35       (6) Two appointed by the minority leader of the Senate, one of  
36       whom shall be a mayor or first selectman of a Connecticut  
37       municipality with a population greater than or equal to seventy-five  
38       thousand residents and one of whom shall be a mayor or first  
39       selectman of a Connecticut municipality with a population less than or  
40       equal to twenty thousand residents;

41       (7) Two appointed by the Governor, at least one of whom shall  
42       represent a state-wide business organization; and

43       (8) The Commissioner of Economic and Community Development  
44       and the Labor Commissioner, or the commissioners' designees, who  
45       shall be ex-officio, nonvoting members.

46       (d) All appointments to the task force shall be made not later than  
47       thirty days after the effective date of this section. Any vacancy shall be

48 filled by the appointing authority.

49 (e) The Governor shall select the chairperson of the task force from  
50 among the members of the task force. Such chairperson shall schedule  
51 the first meeting of the task force, which shall be held not later than  
52 sixty days after the effective date of this section.

53 (f) Said task force may seek the advice and participation of any  
54 person, organization or state or federal agency as it deems necessary to  
55 carry out the provisions of this section.

56 (g) Not later than January 1, 2011, the task force shall submit a  
57 report on its findings and recommendations to the joint standing  
58 committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters  
59 relating to labor and public employees, in accordance with the  
60 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes. Such report shall  
61 consist of (1) an evaluation of the program used by the federal Works  
62 Progress Administration and the feasibility of using aspects of such  
63 program to respond to current economic conditions in the state, (2)  
64 recommendations for any changes necessary in state law, regulation or  
65 policy that would be necessary to implement a program similar to the  
66 Works Progress Administration in the state, and (3) recommendations  
67 for using the expertise of state employees to assist in carrying out the  
68 recommendations pursuant to subdivision (2) of this subsection and to  
69 further provide assistance to individuals receiving benefits pursuant to  
70 chapter 567 of the general statutes to find employment positions.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section
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